

REMARKS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the interview with the undersigned on April 21, 2005 to discuss the Office Action mailed January 26, 2005. The Examiner and the undersigned agreed to amend the claims to define the first shape of the ring.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow.

Claims 20-22 are requested to be cancelled.

Claims 1, 10, and 18 are currently being amended.

Claim 23 has been added.

This amendment adds, changes and/or deletes claims in this application. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claim(s) remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

After amending the claims as set forth above, claims 1-19 and 23 are now pending in this application.

Document A7 in the information disclosure statement filed was mislabeled. The correct number is U.S. Patent No. 4,491,002 to Toropov et al. and entitled METHOD FOR FORMING ON WORKPIECE RESILIENT THREAD HAVING CLOSED HELICAL CAVITY INSIDE THE THREAD. A supplemental information disclosure statement has been filed concurrently herewith.

Claims 1-22 were rejected based on double patenting over U.S. Patent No. 6,644,084. Claims 20-22 have been canceled. Claims 1 and 10 have been amended to define the first shape of the rings. Claims 1, 10 and 18 have been further amended to remove the limitation that the battery terminal be a formed of lead.

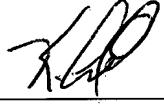
Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1447. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 06-1447. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 06-1447.

Respectfully submitted,

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